

## City of McKinney News Release

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### McKinney Firefighters take to the streets for Fill the Boot

*Funds collected benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association*

McKINNEY, Texas (Sept. 21, 2017) – Firefighters from the McKinney Fire Department will take to the streets with boots in hand to collect donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Fill-the-Boot campaign.

Collections will take place at the intersections listed below from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All fire companies will be in service and available for calls as necessary.

- Sept. 22: Redbud Boulevard and Highway 380
- Sept. 25: Lake Forest Drive and Eldorado Parkway
- Sept. 29: Virginia Parkway and Stonebridge Parkway

Firefighters across the country are the top contributors to MDA since becoming supporters in 1954. McKinney Firefighters contributed over \$20,000 to MDA in 2016, thanks to the generous support of local citizens.

Left-to-right: Firefighter Danny Jones, Kennedy, Capt. Mike Roberts, and Firefighter Jevan Gonzales



MDA supports people like 3-year-old McKinney resident Kennedy who was diagnosed with Bethlem Myopathy, a rare disease affecting the skeletal muscles and connective tissue, as a 7-month-old.

“The firefighters would like to express our gratitude` to the citizens of McKinney for supporting this campaign and the dedication McKinney fellow firefighters give to Fill-the-Boot campaign,” said Firefighter Austin Hendricks.

Funds raised by the McKinney Firefighters, as well as the dozens of other area departments who participate in the Fill-the-Boot campaign, benefit families affected by neuromuscular disease. The Fill-the-Boot campaign helps fund groundbreaking research that has resulted in four drug therapies for people living with three of MDA’s most common diseases. Those include Duchenne Muscular dystrophy (DMD), Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

The campaign has been successful over the last 63 years because of the support community members in McKinney have for Fill-the-Boot. There is also an option to donate online at [McKinney FD Fill-the-Boot](#).

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### **About McKinney**

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of more than 168,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money Magazine*. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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